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At a meeting who was in charge of the orders received from the German experts living in the USSR. Source learned that during the past (sic) a remarkable change in the type of items being ordered by the German experts was noticed. One of the deported experts cancelled his order for a car, because, as a result of the recent events in Germany, the experts' return would be postponed for one or two years. Items ordered during July and August 1953 included legumes, dried vegetables, candy, slippers, and clothing. The informant stated that such items were being ordered for the first time. Source believed that the food situation of the German experts was critical and that, therefore, they had to use their savings in order to obtain food in East Germany. The HO was allowed to mail one eight-kilo package per month to the Germans in the USSR.

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